

[23rd March 1931]

Labour*Provision of employment to coolies returning from Malaya.*

* 692 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what steps the Government have taken to provide employment for coolies who returned from Malaya; and

(b) how many of them who returned last year are left unemployed?

A.—(a) None.

(b) The Government have no information. The labourers have presumably returned to their villages and found employment there.

Mr. M. DEVADASAN :—“ May I know whether the Government will take some steps to provide employment in the case of immigrants from Malaya, because I find that they have taken no steps up till now in regard to these persons ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ It is not possible for us to do anything.”

Mr. M. DEVADASAN :—“ May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that in the case of the immigrants from South Africa they have taken steps to find employment for them ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ They are on a quite different basis.”

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—“ With reference to clause (b) of the question, the answer given is ‘ The Government have no information.’ May I know whether the Government maintain a register of immigrants returning from foreign countries to this land ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ No, Sir.”

Police*Alleged remissness of duty on the part of the police of Mudukulattur, Ramnad district.*

* 693 Q.—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the police of Mudukulattur, Ramnad district, refused to register a complaint of serious assault alleged to have been inflicted on a member of the depressed classes in Veerambal village by certain members of the Thevar community of Elanjamboor and that the sub-assistant surgeon refused to record a ‘ dying declaration ’ from the same man; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will take any action against the officers concerned?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) Does not arise.

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Mr. M. DEVADASAN :—“ Will the Government call for the information ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
“ If the hon. Member gives more definite particulars, the suggestion will be considered.”

Transfer of a depressed class head constable from the Karaikudi Police Station.

* 694 Q.—Mr. M. DEVADASAN : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that there was only one depressed class head constable in Devakottai division at Karaikudi Police Station and he was transferred abruptly ; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons that prompted Government to transfer the only depressed class head constable in the locality where the depressed classes were assaulted, plundered and injured by the Kallar leaders and their men ?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.
(b) Does not arise.

Mr. M. DEVADASAN :—“ With reference to clause (a) of the question, it is stated in the answer that the Government have no information. May I know whether the hon. Member will call for the information ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
“ I will consider the suggestion.”

Alleged oppression of a depressed class head constable by the caste police constables of Aruppukottai.

* 695 Q.—Mr. M. DEVADASAN : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that a depressed class head constable at Aruppukottai was not allowed by the caste police constables to draw water from the well meant for the use of the Police Force ; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Government to establish equality of citizenship in the Police Force ?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Medical

Appointment of Oriyas as Assistant and Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

696 Q.—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many Assistant Surgeons and Sub-Assistant Surgeons there are in the Presidency maintained out of provincial funds ;

(b) how many of them are Oriyas ;

(c) how many of the Oriya Sub-Assistant and Assistant Surgeons are Brahmans and how many of them are non-Brahmans ;